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For **DIAGNOSIS OF SPONGIFORM OR DE-MYELINATING DISEASE**

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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed 7 November 2000, please amend  
the application as follows:

In the Specification

Page 1, after the title, insert:

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"This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application serial number  
09/269,607 filed July 26, 1999, claiming priority from PCT/GB97/02267. The disclosure of  
09/269,607 is incorporated herein by reference."

In the Claims

N.E. Replace claims 1 through 13 with claims 1 through 15 from Pages 6 through 8 of the  
Amended Sheets.

Further amend the claims on Pages 6 through 8 of the Amended Sheets to delete multiple  
dependencies as follows:

Claim 3, page 6, line 1:

Change "1 or 2" to --1--.